

## Senate Resolution 161

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Adelman of the 42nd, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Henson of the 41st and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Bishop Eddie L. Long; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Eddie L. Long answered his first call to the service of the Lord at New  
3 Birth Missionary Baptist Church in 1987; and
- 4 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
5 troubled, or ministering through love and understanding, Bishop Long shows the energy,  
6 devotion, and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Long is a source of  
8 strength, inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic  
9 strata; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his lifetime of serving God's plan has continued through his 19 years of  
11 enlightened stewardship as senior pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, under his guiding heart and gentle hands, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church  
13 has blossomed as its congregation increased from 300 to over 25,000 members and thrived  
14 as an institution that ministers to the congregation and community through the countless  
15 outreach programs and community-empowering projects; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his leadership has been responsible for the construction of the current church  
17 health and fitness center project which consists of a 78,000 square foot facility which can  
18 accommodate 3,500 people for various special events and includes racquetball courts,  
19 aerobics classes, personal training sessions, massage therapy sessions, and more; and
- 20 WHEREAS, this extraordinary facility will be dedicated in honor of Bishop Long as "The  
21 Bishop Eddie L. Long Family Life Center" and, on this special occasion, it is abundantly

1 fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the dynamic ministry of  
2 this devout and pious servant of the Lord.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 join to commend Bishop Eddie L. Long for his unparalleled record of community service and  
5 his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in need, to congratulate him upon  
6 the grand occasion of the dedication of "The Bishop Eddie L. Long Family Life Center," and  
7 extend to him the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Eddie L. Long.